

**UNAPPROVED DRAFT**  
**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**MINUTES OF FULL BOARD**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**  
**RICHMOND, VA**  
**FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A quorum of the Board of Veterinary Medicine was called to order at 10:20 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, Richmond, VA

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** James DeBell, DVM, President

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Wise, DVM  
Joseph May, DVM  
Henry McKelvin, DVM  
Taryn Singleton, LVT  
Kelly Gottschalk, DVM

**STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth Carter, Executive Director  
Terri Behr, Operations Manager  
Eric Gregory, Assistant Attorney General  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst

**MOTION:** On properly seconded motion by Dr. Wise, the Board voted unanimously to add a New Business section to the agenda which would continue the discussion the morning of the Legislative/Regulatory Research Committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was presented.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Dr. Carter gave the Director's Report on behalf of Ms. Ryals. She reported on the second quarter FY2009 agency Key Performance Measures for the agency overall and for the Board, specifically. She stated that the Board has cleared its backlog of cases over 250 business days, and only 62 cases were open for Veterinary Medicine. This is half what it was this month last year. The Board's Time to Disposition performance exceeded the 90% goal by reaching 100%., and the customer satisfaction survey results also surpassed the 97% goal by reaching 98% positive customer satisfaction ratings.

Dr. Carter reported that the agency has entered into a new contract with Virginia Commonwealth

University for the Health Practitioners Intervention Program. She stated that, through the years, the program had evolved into a treatment rather than monitoring program and that the cost to the agency had become prohibitive, about \$200 million for about 600 people. In the new contract, participants are required to contribute to paying for monitoring, based on their ability to pay. Dr. Carter stated that HB 2407 is related to this issue. She also stated that the program will be renamed to the Health Practitioners Monitoring Program, to better reflect the program's function.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

Ms. Yeatts gave a summary of the following bills the agency is following: HB1852, HB2097, HB2211, HB2405, HB2407, SB897 and SB1282.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Wise, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of the Board meeting of November 6, 2008 as presented.

On properly seconded motion by Dr. May, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of the Formal Hearing on Richard E. Flint, Jr., DVM of November 6, 2008 as presented.

On properly seconded motion by Ms. Singleton, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of the Formal Hearing on Martha W. Harris, LVT of November 6, 2008 as presented.

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

**Petition for Rulemaking**

Dr. Carter discussed an e-mail from Garrett Kraus regarding the Board's lack of policy pertaining to veterinary practice and communication about feline hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

The Board directed Dr. Carter to respond to Mr. Garrett that the Board's role is to set general standards, not to set policy for veterinarians to discuss each disease or form of care with clients.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Budget**

Dr. Carter reported that the Board of Veterinary Medicine had \$46,000 in its budget as of December 1, 2008. She reported that last June the Board had a deficit of \$148,000, but that over

\$500,000 has been collected since that time in renewal and licensure fees.

### **Statistics**

Dr. Carter reported that the Board has cleared 212 cases. She also reported on the current number of licensees under the Board's jurisdiction.

### **Board of Health Professions**

Dr. Carter gave an update of the studies on emerging professions that the Board of Health Professions is currently undertaking.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Board members requested that the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association be asked if they would be willing to provide a link to the Board's website on their website and if they would consider articles from the Board President for publication in their periodicals.

Dr. DeBell appointed an Ad Hoc Committee of the current Legislative/Regulatory Committee to further study the issue of an updated Guidance Document on medical recordkeeping. The Ad Hoc Committee consists of the same members as the Legislative/Regulatory Committee.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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James DeBell, DVM, President

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Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director